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Letter dated 12 March 2018 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith information bulletins from the Russian Federation Ministry of Defence regarding the status of implementation of the Memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas in the Syrian Arab Republic for the period 10–12 March 2018 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) V. **Nebenzia**

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Annex to the letter dated 12 March 2018 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Information bulletin from the Russian Federation Ministry of Defence regarding the status of implementation of the Memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas (10 March 2018)

Observance of the ceasefire regime

Monitoring groups have continued to monitor observance of the ceasefire regime as part of implementing the Memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas in the Syrian Arab Republic, signed by the Russian Federation, the Republic of Turkey and the Islamic Republic of Iran on 4 May 2017.

The situation in the de-escalation areas has been assessed as stable.

The Russian representative office of the Russian and Turkish Joint Commission reviewing issues related to violations of the ceasefire regime has reported nine incidents of gunfire in the following Governorates: five in Damascus, three in Ladhiqiyah and one in Aleppo.

The Turkish representative office has reported four incidents of gunfire: two in Damascus Governorate and two in Hama Governorate.

Most incidents of mortars and small arms being fired indiscriminately have been reported in areas controlled by fighters belonging to terrorist groups.

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic

The Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic has carried out one humanitarian operation in Qatar, Aleppo Governorate. Food with a total cargo weight of 1.9 tons was delivered to the local population.

In total, 1,768 humanitarian operations have been carried out.

The total weight of humanitarian cargo delivered is 2,482.3 tons.

Over the past 24 hours, medical assistance has been provided to 84 persons.

In total, medical assistance has been provided to 72,937 persons.

Reconciliation of opposing sides

Over the past 24 hours, one ceasefire agreement has been signed with Istiblat in Aleppo Governorate.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process has increased to 2,429.

The number of armed groups that have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire is unchanged — it is still 234.

Information bulletin from the Russian Federation Ministry of Defence regarding the status of implementation of the Memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas (11 March 2018)

Observance of the ceasefire regime

Monitoring groups have continued to monitor observance of the ceasefire regime as part of implementing the Memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas in the Syrian Arab Republic, signed by the Russian Federation, the Republic of Turkey and the Islamic Republic of Iran on 4 May 2017.

The situation in the de-escalation areas has been assessed as stable.

The Russian representative office of the Russian and Turkish Joint Commission reviewing issues related to violations of the ceasefire regime has reported 11 incidents of gunfire in the following Governorates: 6 in Ladhiqiyah, 3 in Aleppo and 2 in Damascus.

The Turkish representative office has reported no violations of the ceasefire regime.

Most incidents of mortars and small arms being fired indiscriminately have been reported in areas controlled by fighters of the Nusrah Front terrorist group.

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic

The Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic has not carried out any humanitarian operations in the past 24 hours.

In total, 1,768 humanitarian operations have been carried out.

The total weight of humanitarian cargo delivered is 2,482.3 tons.

Over the past 24 hours, medical assistance has been provided to 84 residents.

In total, medical assistance has been provided to 73,021 residents.

Reconciliation of opposing sides

Over the past 24 hours, two ceasefire agreements have been signed with Tunah and Qal'at al-Madiq in Hama Governorate.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process has increased to 2,431.

The number of armed groups that have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire is unchanged — it is still 234.

Information bulletin from the Russian Federation Ministry of Defence regarding the status of implementation of the Memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas (12 March 2018)

Observance of the ceasefire regime

Monitoring groups have continued to monitor observance of the ceasefire regime as part of implementing the Memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas in the Syrian Arab Republic, signed by the Russian Federation, the Republic of Turkey and the Islamic Republic of Iran on 4 May 2017.

The Russian representative office of the Russian and Turkish Joint Commission reviewing issues related to violations of the ceasefire regime has reported 20 incidents of gunfire in the following Governorates: 16 in Damascus, 2 in Aleppo and 2 in Ladhiqiyah.

The Turkish representative office has reported no violations of the ceasefire regime.

Most incidents of mortars and small arms being fired indiscriminately have been reported in areas controlled by fighters belonging to terrorist groups.

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic

Over the past 24 hours the Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic has carried out one humanitarian operation in Tabiyah, Dayr al-Zawr Governorate. Food with a total cargo weight of 1.9 tons was delivered to the local population.

In total, 1,769 humanitarian operations have been carried out.

The total weight of humanitarian cargo delivered is 2,484.2 tons.

Over the past 24 hours, medical assistance has been provided to 203 residents.

In total, medical assistance has been provided to 73,224 residents.

Reconciliation of opposing sides

No ceasefire agreements have been signed with populated areas over the past 24 hours.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process is unchanged — it is still 2,431.

The number of armed groups that have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire is unchanged — it is still 234.